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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I was grateful to you in the past when AT&T was charging exorbitant rates which I could not afford and you contacted them and forced them to lower their costs to me as a pensioner, however, it forced me to change my carrier since the cost was still out of my reach. Fortunately, I found a company, SONIC.com based in Santa Rosa California who supports broadband competition and I am able to afford SONIC.com. The reason I was able to find this company was due to your help, and I thanked you, but now AT&T and "big business" is trying to undo what you the FCC mandated which was promoting competition thus allowing smaller companies to keep prices affordable by allowing me as a DSL user to have internet.

I cannot afford price hikes for internet and telephone services, and many people cannot go along or afford these hikes in costs. Local small business and schools in our for competitive providers so AT&T cannot monopolize the telecommunications market and it is critical for us to have access to local broadband. Please, please no price hikes and do not allow Big Business to destroy our lives by costs, NO price hikes.

Thank you once again for your help,

Most gratefully and yours in anticipation,

-Catherine Hales

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